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Crunch time

Budget analysts work down to the wire

By DELAWESE FULTON
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Budget staffs for Fort Jackson's training and garrison commands worked overtime to close books Wednesday, so they could start anew today.

Staffs of the directorates for training and garrison resource management have had to learn a new accounting system while making sure every dollar for Soldier training and equipment, utilities, roads, emergency serv-

ices and dining were spent appropriately in the fiscal year that just ended.

Every year Congress allocates funds to the Department of Defense for missions of the Army and other military branches. Funding that is not spent by the end of the fiscal year is returned to the U.S. Treasury.

We manage "tens of millions of dollars each year to assist the training mission here at Fort Jackson," said Billy Smith, director of resource management for Fort Jackson's training mission.

Smith recently retired after 28 years of service in the Army and is a former commandant of the U.S. Financial Management School.

A month into his new job, Smith said he was confident his staff of 22 budget analysts would have all of the TRADOC reports completed by midnight Sept. 30 — the government's deadline for filing year-end fiscal reports.

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On the ropes

Pvt. Romeo Hilgart, Company C, 2nd Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment, negotiates the one-rope bridge obstacle Monday. The rope bridge is one of several obstacles that are part of Victory Tower, which is designed to instill confidence in Soldiers early in their Basic Combat Training cycle.

Photo by MIKE A. GLASCH

Post celebrates Hispanic heritage

Next Tuesday, the Fort Jackson community, as it does every year around this time, will celebrate Hispanic Heritage Awareness with a special event. The annual month-long Hispanic celebration got under way Sept. 15, marking the anniversary of when five Latin American countries — El Salvador, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua — gained their independence.

In addition, Mexico's and Chile's independence dates fall within this time frame, with Mexico's anniversary on Sept. 16 and Chile, Sept. 18.

But forget all of this for a moment *un momento por favor* ... If you want to talk about some heritage with some history behind it, consider this fact: Hispanic contributions to the American government are as old as America itself.

We could go all the way back to 1776 and talk about the efforts of Don Bernardo de Galvez, a colonel in the Spanish Regiment in Louisiana, who supported American forces with cattle and weapons during our fight for independence from Great Britain. Or we could talk about the last recorded battalion-sized bayonet charge, which was during the Korean War, when the *Boriqueneers* of the 65th Infantry Regiment, Puerto Rican National Guard moved on two hills held by the Chinese 149th Division.

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Or we could fast forward to the present-day accomplishments of former U.S. Surgeon General Richard Carmona. Dr. Carmona grew up in New York City, dropped out of high school and enlisted in the Army in 1967. He subsequently earned a GED, joined our Special Forces and went on to become a decorated Vietnam veteran. After leaving the Army, he began his academic work, culminating with his medical degree.

In all of our nation's gloried history, there have been countless contributions by Hispanic Americans, way too many to mention in this space. Hispanic Americans have played such a vital role in the military, in every war and in every battle our country has fought. Consider that since the Civil War, there have been more than 40 His-

panic service members who have earned the Medal of Honor, the nation's highest military award.

Fort Jackson's main observance this year will make a slight departure from what we have done in previous years. On Oct. 6 at the Solomon Center, we will host a food-tasting event with food representing Mexico, Panama and Puerto Rico and dancers representing Panama and Puerto Rico. We are also honored to have as our speaker, Dr. Manuel Gaetan, a member of the S.C. Hispanic Leadership Council. The event will help further awareness and cultural understanding within the Fort Jackson community and the surrounding Greater Columbia community.

The bottom line is that Hispanic Americans, who have come from all walks of life, have always served and continue to serve the United States proudly. During this month, we have not only set a time aside for recognition, but also an opportunity for enrichment. We can get an understanding of the Hispanic American culture, the heritages and background.

It does not get any better than this in our Army of One, which continues to gain the best-qualified Soldiers from all backgrounds and ensures that every Soldier gets the opportunity to reach his or her potential.

Magnifico and Army Strong!

Ask the garrison commander about:

Reissuing a DD Form 214

Can a Transition Center reissue a DD Form 214?

Once a DD Form 214 has been issued, the Transition Center cannot reissue except for the following reasons: When directed by proper appellate authority, Executive Order, or by the Secretary of the Army; when it is determined that the original DD Form 214 cannot be properly corrected by issuance of a DD Form 215 or if the correction would require issuance of more than two DD Forms 215; when two DD Forms 215 have been issued and an additional correction is required. A DD Form 214 cannot be issued to replace record copies or DD Forms 214 lost by Soldiers.

What does the casualty status "beleaguered" mean?

That the casualty is a member of an organized element that has been surrounded by a hostile force to prevent escape of its members (AR 600-8-1, Army Casualty Program).

I live on post and am a stay-at-home mom with limited funds. I really want my kids to be involved in after school programs that are free or low cost. Are there any recreation programs on post for my children after school?

Check out the new CYS Services EDGE program for school-age children from 6 to 18 years old. They offer a variety of programs from art to life skills to fitness. The

COL. LILLIAN A. DIXON *Fort Jackson Garrison Commander*



best part of the EDGE program is that it's free for middle school students and teens. It is also within walking distance of home for those who live on post. For upcoming events, check out the EDGE calendar posted on the MWR Web site in the CYS Services EDGE section or look for the weekly *Leader* ads.

GARRISON FACT OF THE WEEK

Studies have shown that between the hours of 3 to 8 p.m., a large percentage of youth engage in risky behaviors when unsupervised by an adult? These risky behaviors may include experimenting with alcohol, drugs, sex, or violence. Get your middle school or teenager involved in one of the many after school programs available on or off Fort Jackson.

To submit questions, call 751-2842, or e-mail scott.nahrwold@conus.army.mil.

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Garrison recognizes top employees

By **SUSANNE KAPPLER**
Fort Jackson Leader

Eight civilian employees were recognized by Col. Lillian Dixon, garrison commander, during Fort Jackson's Employee of the Month ceremony at the Solomon Center Tuesday.

It was the first time that garrison employees who have distinguished themselves were recognized in a public ceremony. Employees selected from the Directorate of Human Resources and the Directorate of Logistics received a \$250 performance award, a certificate of appreciation and a garrison coin.

"In my opinion, everybody in garrison is an outstanding employee. And if I had enough money to recognize everybody, I would," Dixon told the crowd. "But everybody's got a chance to get the recognition. It's all about your performance, your initiative, your drive."

Aaron Hayes, chief of the Plans, Analysis and Integration Office, who organized the event, explained that each month, employees from one directorate or organization will be selected. DHR was the highlighted directorate for August; DOL was selected for September.

"We have some great employees doing a lot of great things, so what (we) chose to do was to pick a directorate or an office per month and using their own internal selection procedures to pick some outstanding employees to present to the rest of the garrison and to Fort Jackson," Hayes said.

Hayes added that many organizations have been recognizing employees inter-



Photo by **SUSANNE KAPPLER**

Col. Lillian Dixon, garrison commander, presents Mary Perry, transportation assistant with the Directorate of Logistics, with a certificate during the Employee of the Month award presentation Tuesday at the Solomon Center. Perry was one of eight garrison employees recognized.

nally, but the new ceremony would allow outstanding performers to be acknowledged in a public forum.

Robert Youmans, DHR director, said the employees selected from his directorate had to meet the highest standards.

"These employees have gone through a rigorous process in being nominated and selected for the recognition here today," Youmans said. "The criterion is very, very

simple. We tell the employees in DHR that every two weeks, you receive a check to perform your duties. In order to be recognized in our employee recognition program, you have to perform above and beyond your regular job."

Dixon said the recognition is a way to say, 'Thank you,' for the sacrifices made by garrison employees.

"I wish I could do so much more, but be-

EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH

The following garrison employees were recognized for their exemplary services:

□ Directorate of Human Resources:

- Jennifer Garrison
- Michelle Pointer
- Melody Porter
- Hope Stephens

□ Directorate of Logistics:

- Samuel McEady
- Roger E. Davis
- Eugenia Parks
- Mary Perry

cause of their hard work, and because of their love for the Soldiers, I felt like it was time for us to give back to civilians," she said.

Melody Porter, human resources assistant with DHR, expressed her gratitude for being selected.

"Receiving the garrison employee of the month award made me feel very appreciated," Porter said. "I feel that my efforts are not being overlooked and that ... it is recognized that helping Soldiers is and will always remain first and foremost for me."

The employees will also be honored during Friday's graduation at Hilton Field. Future Employee of the Month ceremonies will be scheduled quarterly.

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Luncheon set to bring Hispanic culture to Fort Jackson

By **DELAWESE FULTON**
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Through music, dance, food and reflection, Fort Jackson will observe Hispanic Heritage Month with a luncheon Oct. 6.

Fort Jackson has celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month for more than 10 years, said Master Sgt. Eriberto Rivera, the post's chief equal opportunity support officer. The U.S. Army Soldier Support Institute is hosting the event, which is scheduled from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Solomon Center.

"We hope that everyone will break out of the norm (of his or her day), come out and learn a little about our culture," Rivera said.

Nationally, Hispanic Heritage Month is recognized Sept. 15 through Oct. 15.

SSI is expecting about 450 people to attend the post's event. Tickets for the luncheon cost \$5 and include a tasting of variety of Hispanic dishes. Guests will also be treated to remarks from Manuel Gaetan, a board member of the

S.C. Hispanic Leadership Council.

With "Embracing the Fierce Urgency of Now" as this year's national theme of Hispanic Heritage Month, Gaetan said, via e-mail, that his speech would keep to that theme but he would not elaborate. It is expected that Gaetan will discuss the achievements of and hopes for the Hispanic community.

According to a 2008 report of the Pew Hispanic Center, the Latino population is already the U.S.'s largest minority group. It is expected that by 2050, Hispanics will make up 29 percent of the population in the United States.

Rivera added that the theme speaks to the community's need to ensure that its culture and its people are recognized and respected nationally and globally.

"It means to ensure that we're well represented as a group in all levels of society — as teachers ... lawyers and ... doctors," Rivera said.

In addition, in hopes of fostering and encouraging an es-



GAETAN

prit de corps and cultural awareness within military ranks, SSI Soldiers and staff have prepared displays featuring aspects of Hispanic culture and achievement.

At the luncheon Tuesday, guests will be able to sample dishes from various countries. There will be rice and pork dishes from Puerto Rico; tacos, an apple dessert and flan from Mexico; rice and seafood from Spain; and empanadillas, which are turnover-like pastries from Puerto Rico and Spain.

Rivera urges the community to come out and share in the event.

Fort Jackson's Hispanic Heritage luncheon is open to the public. Tickets can be purchased at the Installation Equal Opportunity Office on 3230 Sumter Road, Suite D. For more information, call 751-7163 or e-mail *Eriberto.Rivera@conus.army.mil*.

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Editor's note: The photo of Manuel Gaetan is courtesy of Alt Lee Photographers.

First new homes ready in December

By **SUSANNE KAPPLER**
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One year after the groundbreaking ceremony for new housing on Fort Jackson, the first group of new homes will be completed in December. A ribbon-cutting ceremony, tentatively scheduled for Dec. 3, will mark the completion of some homes for junior enlisted Soldiers and their families, said Emma Watson, Residential Communities Initiatives director.

Watson explained that homes for Soldiers of all ranks will be completed gradually, with the last homes of Phase One expected to be finished in July.


“We have some visible construction — frames, slabs and some homes up — in every area except senior enlisted and field grade (officers),” she said.

Watson said that although construction is not visible in those areas, preparatory site work is under way.

In addition to housing for junior enlisted Soldiers, homes for senior officers, as well as the community center on Brown Avenue, are also scheduled to be finished in December.

“We think the community center is going to be a really big attraction for the families,” said James Harper, Balfour Beatty Communities project director.

The community center will be a dual-service building, he explained. One third of the building will house Balfour Beatty Communities offices, and the remainder will be available for use by residents. The center will feature a fully furnished great room and adjacent kitchen, which can be booked for parties or other gatherings. Other areas include a smaller meeting room, a computer center equipped with four computer stations and a fully-equipped television and



CAMPAIGN PLAN FOCUS

The new construction project supports the campaign objective “improve Soldier housing” (S.1 on the strategy map). Quality of life is one of the three lines of operation of the Fort Jackson campaign plan.

game room.

The area outside of the community center will feature a boundless playground, which can be used by children with or without special needs.

“Fort Jackson will be the third (Army) installation that has a boundless playground,” Harper said. “It’s designed so that all children can safely play on that playground.”

Other outside amenities include a basketball court, tennis court, volleyball court, a multi-purpose sports field with bleachers and a gazebo.

Watson said she is happy to see the first houses nearing completion, especially since the project was delayed four months, mainly because of asbestos abatement.

“Until we had sticks on the ground, you kind of had that feeling, ‘When are we going to get started?’” she said. “It was delay after delay, no matter how much we went to the table and tried to have the best-laid plans. There was always something that caused a delay that was really beyond our control. So to see sticks on the ground and to see progress and see townhouses and duplexes and single houses ... and to see houses that are very comparable to

PROJECTED MOVING TIMELINES

- ❑ December-July: 127 homes for junior enlisted Soldiers will be completed.
- ❑ December: Eight homes for senior officers will be completed.
- ❑ January-February: 13 homes for company grade officers will be completed.
- ❑ March-June: 47 homes for senior noncommissioned officers will be completed.
- ❑ June-July: 13 homes for field grade officers will be completed.

what you see off post is a plus. I’m really pleased to see it.”

As Phase One nears completion, plans are in the works for Phase Two of the project. Currently, more than 160 families reside in the housing scheduled for demolition during the next phase.

“Families who will be here for less than 90 days (after their scheduled moving date) will be allowed to remain in their houses,” Watson said. “Families outside that window — case by case — will be required to relocate. The plan is, when new construction comes on line, for instance in the December timeframe, all of those families residing in Phase Two we will start moving into (newly constructed) Phase One (homes).”

Harper said that moving costs will be paid by Balfour Beatty Communities and that residents are eligible to be reimbursed for re-establishing telephone, cable and internet connections.

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In their sights



Photo by CRYSTAL LEWIS BROWN

Soldiers with Company B, 1st Battalion 13th Infantry Regiment take aim during basic rifle marksmanship training Sept. 28.

Warfighters



Courtesy photo

Soldiers with the 17th Military Police Detachment participate in the Warfighter competition at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. The Fort Jackson Soldiers placed in the top 10 teams overall, and placed first in the law and order event.

Portal opens new lines of collaboration

By **STEVE REEVES**
Fort Jackson Leader

Fort Jackson has a new tool that allows the easy sharing of knowledge and information.


That tool, Sharepoint, is just a mouse click away. “This is not just another shared drive,” said Jennifer Phifer, chief knowledge management officer at Fort Jackson. “We have lots of information on post. This makes it as easy as possible for the average user to find what he or she needs easily and in as little time as possible.”

Sharepoint can be described as a centrally located information portal. Each agency on post has its own site, for example from Moncrief Army Community Hospital down to individual units in a battalion.

Any post employee with a Common Access Card can request access to Fort Jackson’s Sharepoint and access the individual information portals.

Fort Jackson’s Sharepoint has its origins in the post’s

CAMPAIGN PLAN FOCUS



Sharepoint is part of knowledge management. Knowledge management is one of the enabling initiatives that provide the means of implementing the objectives of the Fort Jackson campaign plan.

old Intranet site. “This is something that was already in existence, but on a smaller scale,” Phifer said. That old Intranet site was recently revamped and merged with Training and Doctrine Command’s Knowledge Empowerment Portal.

“TRADOC is pushing information from the top down and we’re pushing information from the bottom up,” Phifer said. “We’re doing our best to promote knowledge sharing.”

One of the best features of Sharepoint is its ability to let users individually customize how they see and use the information.

“It’s very customizable right down to the user level,” Phifer said.

Sharepoint will constantly evolve, as it is tweaked and more features, such as blogs for the commanding general and chief of staff are added.

Forums are also planned, as well as “wikis,” which are information pages that allow people to share their knowledge about various subjects.

“There are going to be a lot of changes and updates in the future,” Phifer said. “It’s going to be a very dynamic process.”

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Housing Happenings

HOUSING SERVICES OFFICE

❑ All military personnel are required to process through the Housing Services Office when they arrive at and depart Fort Jackson. The HSO assists service members and civilians with all relocation needs. The HSO also allows property owners to list property for sale or rent. For more information, call 751-7566/5331.

COMMUNITY UPDATES

❑ Effective immediately, the Community Management Office will be open until 6 p.m. Tuesdays.

- ❑ Balfour Beatty Communities offices will be closed Oct. 12 in observance of Columbus Day. Work orders will be accepted through the answering service at 787-6416.
- ❑ All housing offices will be closed Oct. 12. In case of an emergency, call 338-4809.
- ❑ LifeWork events are free and open to all residents. To register, or for more information, e-mail cowilliams@bbcgrp.com or call 738-8275. Join the LifeWorks e-mail list and stay informed. Stop by the management office for a calendar of events. Visit www.ft-jacksonfamilyhousing.com.

- ❑ Balfour Beatty Communities is now leasing to single Soldiers E5 (promotable) and above. There is a limited number of apartments available on Thomas Court for single Soldiers. Call 738-8275 for details.
- ❑ A \$300 referral bonus is paid to residents once the referred family moves into housing.
- ❑ Items left on playgrounds or in housing can be retrieved at the Community Management Office. You must be able to accurately describe the item and where it was left. Numerous bicycles have not been claimed. For more information, call 738-827.

- ❑ When placing a 911 call from your cell phone on Fort Jackson, you must inform the operator that you are on post. Your call will be switched to the Fort Jackson dispatcher for assistance.

DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

- ❑ Construction is ongoing in all phases of housing. Phase One demolition is complete.
- ❑ A ribbon-cutting ceremony for junior enlisted homes is planned for December. More details will follow.
- ❑ Residents are encouraged to be cautious near construction sites.

Fiscal year end brings about challenges for budget planners

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“Our goal is to completely spend all the funds ... making sure we’re obligating the funds for bona fide requirements,” Smith said.

The G8 — which manages funds for the 171st Infantry Brigade, the 193rd Infantry Brigade and the 165th Infantry Brigade — is also in the midst of transitioning from the Army’s traditional, governmental accounting system to one that is more commercial in nature and allows for better cost and asset analysis, Smith said.

Smith added that the new financial system has been implemented at Fort Jackson, Fort Benning and Fort Stewart. The Army plans to expand the new General Fund Enterprise Business System, or GFEBS, to other installations next year, he said.

Despite the G8’s having to close books on two different systems while still learning one of them, “We’re looking pretty good,” Smith said of the directorate’s progress.

G8’s garrison counterpart, the Directorate of Resource Management, transitioned to the new system last October, so it only had one set of books to close, said Jerry Weidner,

its director. DRM manages more than \$150 million a year, said Weidner. DRM piloted GFEBS accounting system for the entire Army.

“We do (fund) public works operations, maintenance repairs of infrastructure, transportation (for the Army training center) laundry, dining facilities ... and information management,” Weidner said.

Weidner said the garrison’s budget staff was also on track to make its deadline. And though staff members had more time to learn the new accounting system, he said it still proved to be a challenge.

“It’s definitely been an interesting year,” Weidner said. “We have some folks who have worked really hard to learn (the new system).”

Smith added that for the past three weeks, his staff has worked every day, including Saturday and Sunday, to make sure the TRADOC spending reports are complete and accurate.

Though all is well, Weidner and Smith said they were sure their staffs would work up until midnight Sept. 30.

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H1N1 vaccine available soon

A vaccine for H1N1 influenza is expected to be available later this month.

The H1N1 vaccine consists of one shot for those older than 10. Children younger than 9 will be given two shots, which are administered 21 days apart.

When the vaccine arrives, the shot team schedule and locations will remain the same.

The vaccine will be distributed per guidelines provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Fort Jackson is working closely with the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control to provide the vaccine for all beneficiaries and staff working on post.

If you have ever had a severe allergic reaction to the flu vaccine, speak with your primary care manager about whether you should receive the vaccination.

If you have any questions, or would like more information on this year’s flu drive, call 751-2434.

Yard of the Month



Photo by STEVE REEVES

Col. Lillian Dixon, garrison commander, and garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Christopher Culbertson congratulate September’s Yard of the Month winner Megan Byrd and her children, Karly and Kaleb.

SSI family fun



Courtesy photo

Soldiers and family members of the Training Support Battalion were awarded the commander’s cup during the Soldier Support Institute’s organization day at Weston Lake.



NCO driven by desire to excel

Rank, name
Staff Sgt. David Townsend

Unit
U.S. Army Chaplain Center and School

Military Occupational Specialty / Job title
56 M, chaplain assistant / AIT instructor

Years in service
10 (two years as a Reservist)

Family
Married

Highest education
MBA

Hobbies
Cycling, doing PT, marksmanship



Photo by CRYSTAL LEWIS BROWN

Staff Sgt. David Townsend, an AIT instructor, coaches two of his Soldiers in proper combatives techniques.

NCO spotlight

throughout his career is his drive to be the best.

He said he has “a desire to excel at what I’m doing, to be the best at what I’m doing and to make the Soldier the best they can be. That’s what keeps driving me.”

His future goals include continuing to train Soldiers, whether in his current job or in another one. Another of his goals is

one he said is shared by many others in his military occupational specialty.

“The ultimate job for any enlisted (chaplain assistant) is to be a command sergeant major at USACHCS,” he said.

His advice to junior enlisted Soldiers is that they not only learn all of the intricacies of their job, but to also learn others’ jobs so they can help out when needed.

“Get as much training as you possibly can, as much as you can get,” he said. “Don’t waste any training time.”

The NCO Creed

No one is more professional than I. I am a non-commissioned officer, a leader of Soldiers. As a non-commissioned officer, I realize that I am a member of a time-honored corps, which is known as “the backbone of the Army.”

I am proud of the Corps of Noncommissioned Officers and will at all times conduct myself so as to bring credit upon the corps, the military service and my country regardless of the situation in which I find myself.

I will not use my grade or position to attain pleasure, profit, or personal safety.

Competence is my watchword. My two basic responsibilities will always be uppermost in my mind — accomplishment of my mission and the welfare of my Soldiers.

I will strive to remain technically and tactically proficient.

I am aware of my role as a noncommissioned officer. I will fulfill my responsibilities inherent in that role. All Soldiers are entitled to outstanding leadership; I will provide that leadership. I know my Soldiers and I will always place their needs above my own.

I will communicate consistently with my Soldiers and never leave them uninformed. I will be fair and impartial when recommending both rewards and punishment.

Officers of my unit will have maximum time to accomplish their duties; they will not have to accomplish mine. I will earn their respect and confidence as well as that of my Soldiers.

I will be loyal to those with whom I serve; seniors, peers, and subordinates alike. I will exercise initiative by taking appropriate action in the absence of orders.

I will not compromise my integrity, nor my moral courage. I will not forget, nor will I allow my comrades to forget that we are professionals, noncommissioned officers, leaders!

‘Big world, small Army’

Medic reunites with Iraqi whose life he helped save

By **STEVE REEVES**
Fort Jackson Leader

The last time Staff Sgt. Corey Adams saw interpreter Mahamed Rashim, the Iraqi was being rushed into surgery after having been shot in the chest during an ambush just south of Baghdad in 2003.

Adams, then a medic with the 1st Armored Division, helped treat Rashim's wounds after the attack. When the medics handed the young Iraq native over to the hospital staff, Adams continued with his mission and thought little about the incident.

At least until a couple of weeks ago.

Adams, currently assigned to the 165th Infantry Brigade, recently was helping teach a Combat Lifesaver Course to Basic Combat Training Soldiers from Company D, 1st Battalion, 61st Infantry Regiment.

Another instructor asked the Soldiers if any of them had ever been shot. One Soldier, a specialist in the 09L program, raised his hand and was asked to share his story. The 09L program refers to the MOS for translators/interpreters, which is for non-native English speakers.

As the Soldier began to share the details of his shooting, Adams said the story sounded familiar and wondered if the Soldier had been the Iraqi interpreter he had helped save six years earlier.

"I asked him if this had happened in Baghdad," Adams said. "He said it did. I asked him if he had been an interpreter. He said he had been."

After a few more questions, Adams realized that the new Soldier standing in front of him was indeed the same interpreter he had last seen being taken into a surgical room at a Baghdad hospital.

"Big world, small Army," Adams said with a laugh as he described his chance reunion with Rashim.

Rashim said he was grateful to finally have a chance to thank one of the Soldiers



Photo by STEVE REEVES

Staff Sgt. Corey Adams, a medic with the 165th Infantry Brigade, instructs Soldiers with 1st Battalion, 61st Infantry Regiment during a combat lifesaver course Sept. 23. Adams was recently reunited with an Iraqi man whose life he helped to save in 2003.

who helped save his life that day.

"Because of him, I'm alive and able to spend time with my family," Rashim said.

Rashim doesn't remember much about the day in 2003 when he was shot while on patrol with the U.S. Soldiers. Suddenly finding it almost impossible to breathe and covered in blood, Rashim's thoughts were with his family as medics fought to save his life.

"I prayed not to die because I wanted to see my son," he said.

Rashim owned a video game shop that failed in the chaos of the invasion and its aftermath. With no jobs available and a family depending on him, Rashim one day approached a tank crew and offered his services as a translator.

That led to a full-time job translating for

Soldiers with the 82nd Airborne. Rashim took to his new job with enthusiasm and found he enjoyed being around the Americans, whom he viewed as liberators.

"I loved riding in Humvees and chilling out with the Soldiers," Rashim said.

On the day that Rashim was shot, American forces were patrolling on the southern outskirts of Baghdad. Rashim was one of several interpreters also on the patrol.

All of a sudden, the sound of gunshots cracked through the air as insurgents launched an ambush.

Adams was called to the ambush site to help treat the wounded.

"There were several who were wounded, and he was one of the most serious," Adams said.

Rashim had a collapsed lung and was bleeding heavily. An AK-47 round had passed through his chest.

Adams and the other medics worked to stabilize Rashim and then transported him to a military hospital in Baghdad, where he underwent surgery. He would spend the next 10 days in the hospital.

After recovering from his wounds, and undeterred by the insurgent attacks, Rashim returned to his job as interpreter. He continued working as an interpreter until he decided to come to America and join the Army.

"I wanted a new life and a future for my wife and son," Rashim said about his decision.

He soon found himself at Fort Jackson, where he will train to be a translator/interpreter after he graduates from BCT. He also plans to become a U.S. citizen.

Rashim said he wants to make the most of the second chance he feels like he received from Adams and the other medics who helped him the day he was shot.

"I thank God every night that I came here."

Steven.Parrish2@us.army.mil

Annual mud race strengthens camaraderie

A few months ago I was asked by one of the company commanders in my battalion to be on his team for this year’s Marine Corps Mud Run. The Mud Run is an annual event held at McCrady Training Center pretty much sums up the event.

It consists of about 4.5 miles of running, obstacles, and maneuvering through muddy water. My other team members included the brigade HHC commander and the brigade commander. As a second lieutenant and probably the most junior officer in the brigade, my response was probably the only one available: “Yes Sir.” Honestly, as a second lieutenant, I have no delusions about where I fall in the rank structure or the fact that I am a quartermaster officer in an infantry brigade.

I would have to keep up with my brigade commander, an infantry colonel who could make or break my career, the HHC commander who looks like he could turn green when angered, and the company commander who ran a marathon through the mountains. Bottom line, these are all leaders who have way more experience than I do and at this stage in my life, their acceptance of me as a Soldier and as an officer is important.

So, there we were at the starting line. We had decided to tape our shoes up and go shirtless. We watched as other teams struggled, laughed or finished strong to our left with a three-man or woman litter carry, covered in mud. There were more than 1,700 four-person teams and a new team started every 40 seconds. The past few months, we had communicated about the race; where we would meet, who owed whom money, but we never got together as a team to practice. My anxiety level was high. Should I go all out? Would it look like I’m trying too

COMMENTARY

By 2ND LT.
MICHAEL REED
Special to the Leader



hard to impress them? What condition are they in? The race started and we took off at a moderate pace. More questions. Where should I position myself, toward the front? No, don’t look cocky. Toward the back? No, you don’t want to look weak, do you? Looking back, I probably read a little more into the situation than I should have. As we warmed up, my tension subsided and we fell into the race. We went over a few obstacles, they all stayed in toe. We kept running as a group and passed several others.

Finally, we got our first taste of the mud. It was a big pit filled with water, mud and logs. With no hesitation and without breaking stride we move through the obstacle quickly and as a team. We said very little. This was the case for much of the run. A short run, an obstacle, re-group, attack. When we did speak, it was mostly encouragement; or the brigade commander — who had more experience in the event — giving direction and advice. We ran, we swam, we climbed and we got really muddy. Toward the end, we had passed a lot of people, sustained no injuries, and were together as a team.

The last obstacle of the race was a three-man litter-carry. The colonel and I got there first and took the front positions of the litter, the company commander took the back position and the HHC commander jumped on.

Again, we did not coordinate who would go where. It was all silent directive and mutual understanding. We passed one last team before we crossed the finish line and immediately went to where a crowd was standing to see the race results. The results were slow to process and our patience was short. We were ready to get the mud off. We took a team photo, laughed and separated.

Although this may have been just a fun event for my teammates, I got the chance to see first-hand what the people who lead me are made of. I thought they would be evaluating me, but really it was I who developed an impression of them. I have high expectations of my leaders. I expect them to be able to put their money where their mouths are, so to speak. I want to be proud of them and say “that’s my commander.”

As a junior officer, I look to my senior officers to develop my own leadership style. I watch how they act around their superiors and their subordinates; how they interact with their families and the families of their Soldiers. I can say this will be a great memory for me, but more important, I will always keep myself aware of the fact that leadership sometimes is in the subtle details.

Editor’s note: Second Lt. Michael Reed is the executive officer for Company A, 120th Adjutant General Battalion (Reception). He and the rest of team “Blackhawk” placed 117th with a time of a little more than 52 minutes. More than 1,700 teams participated in the event.

Fort Jackson talks back

Staff writer Sharonda Pearson asked Fort Jackson community members: How has the economy affected you?



Dawn Benford
Family member

“The economy really hasn’t affected me. Because I’m a nurse, I have noticed fewer patients.”



Spc. Constance Pressley
Company B, 4th Battalion,
10th Infantry Regiment

“I just came back from deployment, so I haven’t noticed much of a difference yet. My family is having a hard time finding work, and the gas prices are high.”



Sheila Morris
Retiree family member
(National Guard)

“I just retired, so I am worried about the cost of living — especially groceries.”



Staff Sgt. Detrick Holmes
Company E, 3rd Battalion,
34th Infantry Regiment

“Financially, there has been no strain. There was an (increase) in training last year because of the influx of the larger number of new recruits.”



Spc. Philip Harrill
323rd Engineer Company

“I decided to stay in the Army longer because of the economy. I had planned on (leaving the Army) last year.”



Ebony Wilmore
DA civilian

“Prices of gas and food have gone up. Also, I have been restricted on funds, and limited on doing the extras. I’m taking time to enjoy my family, friends and the small things in life.”

Council addresses community issues

Customer Management Services, in partnership with the Army Family Action Plan, recently hosted the fourth-quarter Installation Action Council.

The council was chaired by the garrison commander and attended by various Fort Jackson organizational representatives, including numerous agencies, tenant organizations, unit representatives, garrison directors/managers and community representatives.

The purpose was to review, discuss and make decisions on issues brought forward by the Fort Jackson community as part of the Community FIRST issue resolution process.

The following issues were discussed by the council and brought to a resolution and voted as complete:

- living quarters for unaccompanied Soldiers
- use of the TMC for non-Initial entry Soldiers
- timeliness of TRICARE payments
- parking hazard on Stuart Avenue
- enhancing communication between Fort Jackson and family members

The following issues were discussed by the council and brought to a resolution and voted as unattainable:

- dog park for Fort Jackson
- moving the mainframe location to Moncrief Army Community Hospital

The following issues were discussed by the council without resolution and will remain active while solutions are explored:

CUSTOMER SERVICE CORNER

- location of refill pharmacy
- telework/telecommute policy for Fort Jackson
- nutrition education program for retirees
- toll-free telephone number for the Welcome Center
- trap and skeet range
- hiring of family readiness support assistants

The following issue was discussed by the council and will go forward to AFAP:

- inadequate coverage for orthodontics patients.

Community FIRST is an ongoing process that allows community members to submit issues that cannot be fixed by Interactive Customer Evaluation.

ICE APPRECIATION

The garrison congratulates DENTAC, specifically Hagen Dental Clinic, and Moncrief Army Community Hospital, specifically the Department of Internal Medicine. Over a 12-week period, each organization achieved a 4.93 and a 4.89 rating, respectively, out of a possible 5.0 in employee/staff attitude. This is an outstanding performance in customer service.

Saluting the cycle's honorees

DRILL SERGEANTS OF THE CYCLE



Staff Sgt. Daniel Rager
Company C
1st Battalion,
34th Infantry Regiment

SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE
Spc. Christopher Torgler

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE
Pfc. Robert Slayman

HIGH BRM
Pvt. Aaron Shay

HIGH APFT SCORE
Pvt. Travis Sealy



Staff Sgt. David Frey
Company D
1st Battalion,
34th Infantry Regiment

SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE
Spc. Cameron Blackhurst

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE
Spc. Edward Garibay

HIGH BRM
Pfc. Andrew Bartkowicz

HIGH APFT SCORE
Pfc. Clifton Rodgers



Staff Sgt. Diana Elvir
Company E
1st Battalion,
34th Infantry Regiment

SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE
Spc. Steele Brand

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE
Pvt. Nathan Richardson

HIGH BRM
Pvt. Christopher Wolfenbarger

HIGH APFT SCORE
Pvt. Zachariah Ahern

Learning Army



Courtesy photo

From left, Tito Hannah, Kimberly Poole and Kim Young graduate from the Army Family Team Building course "Learn Army" Sept. 18. Also pictured is Veronica Jackson-Patrick, AFTB program manager.

The Customer Management System at Fort Jackson is a three-tiered feedback system established to determine the satisfaction of those who work, train, live and play on the installation. CMS includes the Interactive Customer Evaluation system, Community FIRST/AFAP and Customer Service Assessments. This feedback enables the garrison to focus on specific actions aimed at improving customers' experiences of post services.

A complete list of Community FIRST issues can be found at <http://www.jackson.army.mil/WellBeing/wellbeing.htm>. New issues may be submitted on the site as well, by clicking on "Submit an Issue or Recommendation" or on the Community FIRST/AFAP Logo. Whether it affects individuals and constituent groups here at the installation level or throughout the Army, feedback is important. "Let your voice be heard!"

CONTACTING THE LEADER

To submit a story idea or an announcement, or to request coverage of an event, e-mail details to FJLeader@conus.army.mil or call 751-7045.

October Promotions

Name	Rank	Unit	Name	Rank	Unit
FINLEY, Daniel A.	COL	Student Detachment	PERDUE, Xaver W.	MSG	HQ, 157th Inf. Bde.
MIDDLETON, Stephen A.	COL	Student Detachment	PICKARD, Chanley P.	MSG	HHD, 193rd Inf. Bde.
CHEADALE, Mark R.	LTC	Student Detachment	ROGERS, Francisco I.	MSG	Co. F, 3rd Bn., 13th Inf. Reg.
MORRIS, James W.	LTC	Student Detachment	ACOSTA, Alex	SFC	Co. B, 1st Bn., 34th Inf. Reg.
MURRAY, Andrew K.	LTC	Student Detachment	BOWERS, Matthew D.	SFC	Student Detachment
ROSS, Pete A.	LTC	Student Detachment	BROWN, Bakari L.	SFC	Drill Sergeant School
ALLEN, Thomas E.	MAJ	USACHCS	BROWN, Jason M.	SFC	Student Detachment
CAHILL, James D.	MAJ	Student Detachment	BUCHHEIT, Anthony S.	SFC	HQ/Co. A, 3rd Bn., 34th Inf. Reg.
FUNCHES, Michael R.	MAJ	Student Detachment	COUNCIL, Carl E.	SFC	Co. D, 3rd Bn., 60th Inf. Reg.
GIBB, Bryan N.	MAJ	Student Detachment	CRISPEN, David C.	SFC	HHC, 120th AG Bn. (Reception)
GIBBS, Stephen R.	MAJ	Student Detachment	DUGAS, Korey M.	SFC	Co. B, 187th Ord. Bn.
GREGORY, William J.	MAJ	HHC, TSB	FIGUEROAMORAN, Alexis	SFC	Co. E, 3rd Bn., 13th Inf. Reg.
HERMESCH, Jon A.	MAJ	Student Detachment	GATES, Anthony A.	SFC	HHC, TSB
JOHNSON, Andre J.	MAJ	Student Detachment	GILBERT, Lamar D.	SFC	Drill Sergeant School
MACK, Eugene K.	MAJ	USACHCS	GOLDEN, Jamaal L.	SFC	Co. F, 2nd Bn., 13th Inf. Reg.
OSMON, Michael L.	MAJ	Student Detachment	HILL, Yolanda R.	SFC	HQ/Co. A, 3rd Bn., 13th Inf. Reg.
PARSHAD, Amitabh	MAJ	HQ, 1st Bn., 61st Inf. Reg.	JARQUIN, Braulio E.	SFC	NCO Academy
PESCATELLO Jr., Frank C.	MAJ	Student Detachment	JENKINS, Chris E.	SFC	HHC, TSB
SANDEFUR, Jesse L.	MAJ	Student Detachment	KENDRICK, Kevin L.	SFC	Drill Sergeant School
SCOTT, Clarisse	MAJ	Student Detachment	KING, Allen D.	SFC	Co. C, 3rd Bn., 60th Inf. Reg.
SHEARIN, Jeff A.	MAJ	2/345th CS CSS	LEWIS, Brian K.	SFC	Co. B, 4th Bn., 10th Inf. Reg.
SNYDER, John M.	MAJ	Student Detachment	MCGILL, Zantisha S.	SFC	Co. C, 2nd Bn., 60th Inf. Reg.
SYBERT, Marshall S.	MAJ	Student Detachment	ROSS III, Mose	SFC	HHC, TSB
TELLADO, Regina I.	MAJ	Student Detachment	SANTOS, Patrick J.	SFC	HQ, 3rd Bn., 34th Inf. Reg.
WALKER, Comaneci	MAJ	4th FA BCD, Shaw AFB	TUCKER, Tammy R.	SFC	Co. E., 187th Ord. Bn.
WEBB, Terri N.	MAJ	Student Detachment	UNDERWOOD, Ernest K.	SFC	Student Detachment
BAXTER, Jennifer B.	CPT	MEDDAC	WATSON, Sheila J.	SFC	Co. B, 1st Bn., 34th Inf. Reg.
BERTHOLD, Christopher K.	CPT	MEDDAC	WHITE, Aaron T.	SFC	Co. C, 1st Bn., 61st Inf. Reg.
JASON, Marc W.	CPT	Student Detachment	WILLIAMS, David R.	SFC	Co. F, 3rd Bn., 13th Inf. Reg.
MONTOYA, Marco A.	CPT	Student Detachment	ACKLAND, Phillip M.	SSG	HQ/Co. A, 3rd Bn., 60th Inf. Reg.
POWELL, Genevieve	CPT	Co. A, TSB	BARR, Joshua B.	SSG	Co. B, 4th Bn., 10th Inf. Reg.
RHODES, Paul E.	CPT	Student Detachment	BOGGS, Torin G.	SSG	HQ, 171st Inf. Bde.
SHARMA, Pranish D.	CPT	Student Detachment	BROCK, Seth P.	SSG	HQ, 1st Bn., 13th Inf. Reg.
SINNOTT, Erica M.	CPT	Co. A, TSB	CHEN, Terrance M.	SSG	Student Detachment
ANDREWS Jr., Leonard L.	1LT	Student Detachment	HOUGH, Gregory A.	SSG	Student Detachment
CHINA, Cleveland L.	1LT	Student Detachment	PATTERSON, Lawrence M.	SSG	282nd Army Band
FOXX, Lamont D.	1LT	HHC, 165th Inf. Bde.	PEREZSANTIAGO, Jeanette	SSG	4th Bn., 10th Inf. Reg.
FRANKLIN, Jackie K.	1LT	Student Detachment	RODRIGUEZ, Danny	SSG	Co. E, 120th AG Bn. (Reception)
GILLIS, Calandra M.	1LT	Student Detachment	ROSSE, Christian O.	SSG	Student Detachment
HARVEY, Keith L.	1LT	Student Detachment	TEBO, Cyphus J.	SSG	HHC, TSB
HERRERA, Felicia D.	1LT	Student Detachment	WOODARD, Tanicka D.	SSG	MEDDAC
JOHNSON Jr., Albert	1LT	Student Detachment	AARON, Shasta L.	SGT	HQ/Co. A, 1st Bn. 34th Inf. Reg.
KARMANN III, Richard L.	1LT	Co. B, VSB	BALISACAN, Eliza J.	SGT	Co. D, 1st Bn., 61st Inf. Reg.
LOSOYA, David J.	1LT	Student Detachment	BARRETT, Porchia N.	SGT	Co. D, 1st Bn., 61st Inf. Reg.
MARCELLINE, Sheldon D.	1LT	Co. D, 1st Bn., 13th Inf. Reg.	CABRERA, Evangelina	SGT	Co. C, TSB
MAXWELL, Lenora M.	1LT	Student Detachment	DANIELS, Jacqueline S.	SGT	MEDDAC
RICE, David J.	1LT	Co. E, 369th AG Bn.	FLEURY, Adam J.	SGT	Co. A, 4th Bn., 10th Inf. Reg.
STEVENSON, Vernon P.	1LT	Student Detachment	JACQUOT V, Albert J.	SGT	17th MP Detachment
WILLIS, William G.	1LT	Co. F, 3rd Bn., 34th Inf. Reg.	LAGAT, Stephen T.	SGT	MEDDAC
WRICE, Gene E.	1LT	HQ/Co. A, 3rd Bn., 60th Inf. Reg.	MOSS, Makeda N.	SGT	HQ/Co. A, 369th AG Bn.
CANSLER, Kevin D.	CW3	Student Detachment	PASS, Kimberly L.	SGT	Garrison
KLOPFENSTEIN, Michael P.	CW3	Student Detachment	REGIS, Kent J.	SGT	Student Detachment
MIDDLEBROOKS, Daryl R.	CW3	Student Detachment	ROBINSON JR., Bobby R.	SGT	MEDDAC
MCKNIGHT Jr., Joshua	SGM	HQ, 171st Inf. Bde.	SEWARD, Brandon T.	SGT	Student Detachment
BISHOP, Frederick J.	MSG	Co. C, 1st Bn. 13th Inf. Reg.	TAISTE, Simmons R.	SGT	Co. A, 4th Bn, 10th Inf. Reg.
MADDEN, Craig N.	MSG	HHC, 187th Ord. Bn.	THAYER, Jessica M.	SGT	282nd Army Band
MARSHALL, Roger L.	MSG	Co. E, 1st Bn., 61st Inf. Reg.	WOOTEN, Paul H.	SGT	MEDDAC

Calendar

Friday
Domestic violence awareness seminar
10 a.m. to 2 p.m., 4512 Stuart Ave.
Topic: “Stop, educate and prevent domestic violence.”

Red Cross Bloodmobile
8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
DOL Headquarters

Saturday
Fire safety day
11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Fire Department
Tour the new fire station. There will be music, food and more. Hill Street, between Jackson Boulevard and Marion Street, will be closed from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for the events.

Tuesday
Hispanic Heritage Observance
11:30 to 1 p.m., Solomon Center
Tickets will be sold by unit Equal Opportunity Advisers.

Job Fair
9 a.m. to noon, Officers’ Club

Thursday, Oct. 8
Sergeant Major Association meeting
4 p.m., NCO Club
All active and retired command sergeants major and sergeants major are invited to attend.

Saturday, Oct. 17
Domestic Violence Awareness Rally
8:30 -11:30 a.m., Solomon Center
Guest speakers: Henry McMaster, S.C. state attorney general and Lorie Boddie, S.C. Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

Announcements

RECLAMATION SALE
A reclamation sale for Soldiers is scheduled for Oct. 26-30 at 2570 Warehouse Road. The schedule is as follows:
Oct. 26 — E1-E6, active duty, Reservists on active duty
Oct. 27-30 — all ranks

SFAC/WTU ACTIVITIES
The Soldier Family Assistance Center, located at 4512 Stuart Ave., has scheduled several domestic violence awareness seminars. Seminars are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., each Friday in October and will be accompanied by free massage, facial, manicure or pedicure. On-site child care available upon request.

THRIFT SHOP POSITION
The Fort Jackson Thrift Shop is hiring a manager, bookkeeper and cashier. To apply, contact the Thrift Shop at 787-2153. The Thrift Shop is open Monday,

Tuesday and Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY
An initial planning meeting for the 2010 African American History Celebration is scheduled for 11:30 a.m., Oct. 2 at 9477 Morgan Loop Road (next to Bayonet Chapel). The committee is looking for poets, thespians, creative artists, writers, musicians, vocalists and comedians. Volunteers are also needed for various support positions. For information, call 312-4315 or 338-3170 or e-mail *Chetoria.Jackson@us.army.mil* or *Wyman.Loveless@us.army.mil*.

MACH VOLUNTEERS
A variety of volunteers are needed for the Red Cross and Moncrief Army Community Hospital. Volunteer positions for the Red Cross include: web designer/manager, emergency communications caseworkers, data entry, computer technician, instructors (baby sitter training, CPR, first aid, AED). Hospital volunteer positions include: transportation, clerical, data entry, public relations and help in various clinics. Visit the Red Cross office or MACH for information.

AAFES UPDATES
AAFES has scheduled a Meet and Greet session 1-2 p.m., the first Tuesday of each month. The session is for customers to share comments, suggestions and more.
AAFES’ “Buddy List” provides customers the opportunity to have store promotions delivered weekly to an e-mail inbox. Oct. 6, shoppers who complete an online “Buddy List” application will be entered into a random drawing for three \$50 AAFES gift cards. August, September and October “Buddy List” subscribers can also complete online survey through Oct. 31 to be entered into a drawing for a \$1,000 shopping spree.

AMERICAN LEGION GOLF
The American Legion Auxiliary has scheduled its inaugural golf tournament for noon, Oct. 23 at the Fort Jackson Golf Club. For more information, call 799-6695, (843) 281-8513 or e-mail *Timbet1@aol.com*.

NATIONAL GUARD EXPO
The S.C. National Guard Air & Ground Expo is scheduled for Oct. 10-11 at McEntire Joint National Guard Base. Events include the Army’s Golden Knights, flyovers, military displays, combined arms demonstrations and more. Visit *http://scguardnow.net*.

EVENING GRADUATION
The 3rd Battalion, 13th Infantry Brigade graduation is scheduled for 5 p.m., Oct. 15 at Hilton Field.

BUSINESS WORKSHOP
The Soldier Family Assistance Center and the Benedict College Business Development Center has scheduled a series of workshops 1:30-2:30 p.m., every Thursday in October for WTU Soldiers, wounded DoD civilians and their families who are interested in owning a business.

HIGH SCHOOL ESSAY CONTEST
“Being an American” contest is now open to students in grades 9-12 who are U.S. citizens or legal residents. This year’s question: “What civic value do you believe is most essential to being an American?” The grand prize is \$5,000 for each regional winner Entries are due Dec. 1. Visit *www.beinganamerican.org* for guidelines.

Housing events

Friday
Bike patrol scavenger hunt
2-3:30 p.m., Balfour Beatty leasing office
Bring your bike and embark on a scavenger hunt led by the Fort Jackson MP bike patrol.

Tuesday, Oct. 13
Neighborhood huddle
5:30 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 15
Breakfast on the go
7:30 a.m.
Get a hot Chick-Fil-A breakfast on the way to school.

Neighborhood huddle
10 a.m.

Friday, Oct. 23
Neighborhood Watch party
6 p.m.
Enjoy music, food and fun for the whole family while learning how to be proactive against crime.

Friday, Oct. 23
Halogreen costume contest
4 p.m.
Wear your best eco-friendly costume.

Every Tuesday
Walking club
9 a.m.
Strollers are welcomed.

Every Wednesday
Salsa dancing
6 p.m.
Come by to learn how to salsa dance.

Every Thursday
Kids’ day
10 a.m.
All events are held in the Balfour Beatty Communities management office unless otherwise specified. For more information, call 738-8275.

Off-post events

CIB ASSOCIATION MEETING
The Combat Infantryman Association meeting is scheduled for Oct. 13 at the American Legion Post 6, 200 Pickens St. Dinner begins at 6 p.m.; meeting begins at 7 p.m. RSVP by Oct. 9. Call 351-2333 for information or to RSVP.

PALMETTO PAINTERS
A Palmetto Painters art auction is scheduled for 11 a.m., Oct. 10 at Green Hill Baptist Church, 1734 Augusta Road, West Columbia.

DEVINE QUILTERS
Works by the Devine Quilters, a group of about 70 Midlands women, will be on display in the Wachovia Gallery of the Richland County Public Library, 1431 Assembly St., through Oct. 6. The gallery is located on the garden level of the library’s main branch and is open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday.

WOUNDED WARRIOR RUN
East Carolina University’s Army ROTC and the Brook Valley Country Club have scheduled their Annual Wounded Warrior Run, Nov. 14. The race is in support of the Soldiers in the Fort Bragg, N.C. Warrior Transition Battalion. Visit *www.woundedwarriorrun.com* for information.

RECRUITMILITARY EXPO
A free employment, entrepreneurship and educational expo is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Oct. 15, at the Bojangles Coliseum in Charlotte. The expo is for veterans, personnel transitioning from active duty, Reservists, National Guardsmen and military spouses. For more information, or to register, visit *www.recruitmilitary.com*.

LEADER INFORMATION

- ❑ Article submissions are due two weeks before the scheduled publication. For example, an article for the Oct. 8 *Leader* must be submitted by today.
- ❑ Announcements are due one week before the scheduled publication. For example, an announcement for the Oct. 8 *Leader* must be submitted by Oct. 1. Send all submissions to *FJLeader@conus.army.mil*.
- ❑ Follow us on Twitter at *www.Twitter.com/ FortJacksonPAO* or become a *Leader* “fan” at *www.Facebook.com* and search “Fort Jackson.”
- ❑ Call 751-7045 for information.

Wilderness expeditions offered free to veterans

For more than 20 years, Outward Bound has conducted wilderness expeditions specifically for war veterans. Now, through generous funding from the Sierra Club and the Sierra Club Foundation, Outward Bound is offering a tremendous opportunity for adventure and self-discovery at no cost to Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom veterans.

According to www.outwardboundwilderness.org, all Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom veterans, including current and former members of the active and Reserve components of the U.S. military, are eligible to participate in the program.

Current military status (active, inactive, discharged, retired) is irrelevant as long as the veteran was deployed in support of OEF or OIF combat operations while in the military. Military family members are not eligible to participate in this OEF/OIF program. However, please see, www.sierraclub.org/military for other programs for military family members funded by the Sierra Club.

Veterans can choose from a number of year-round expeditions in wilderness areas throughout the United States.

Outward Bound veterans programs are designed to be fun, fast and challenging, and are suited for those in good physical condition. They make the most of the organizational and teamwork skills learned in the military to move groups straight into the field.

Army Family Covenant

By DAN CAIN

Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation

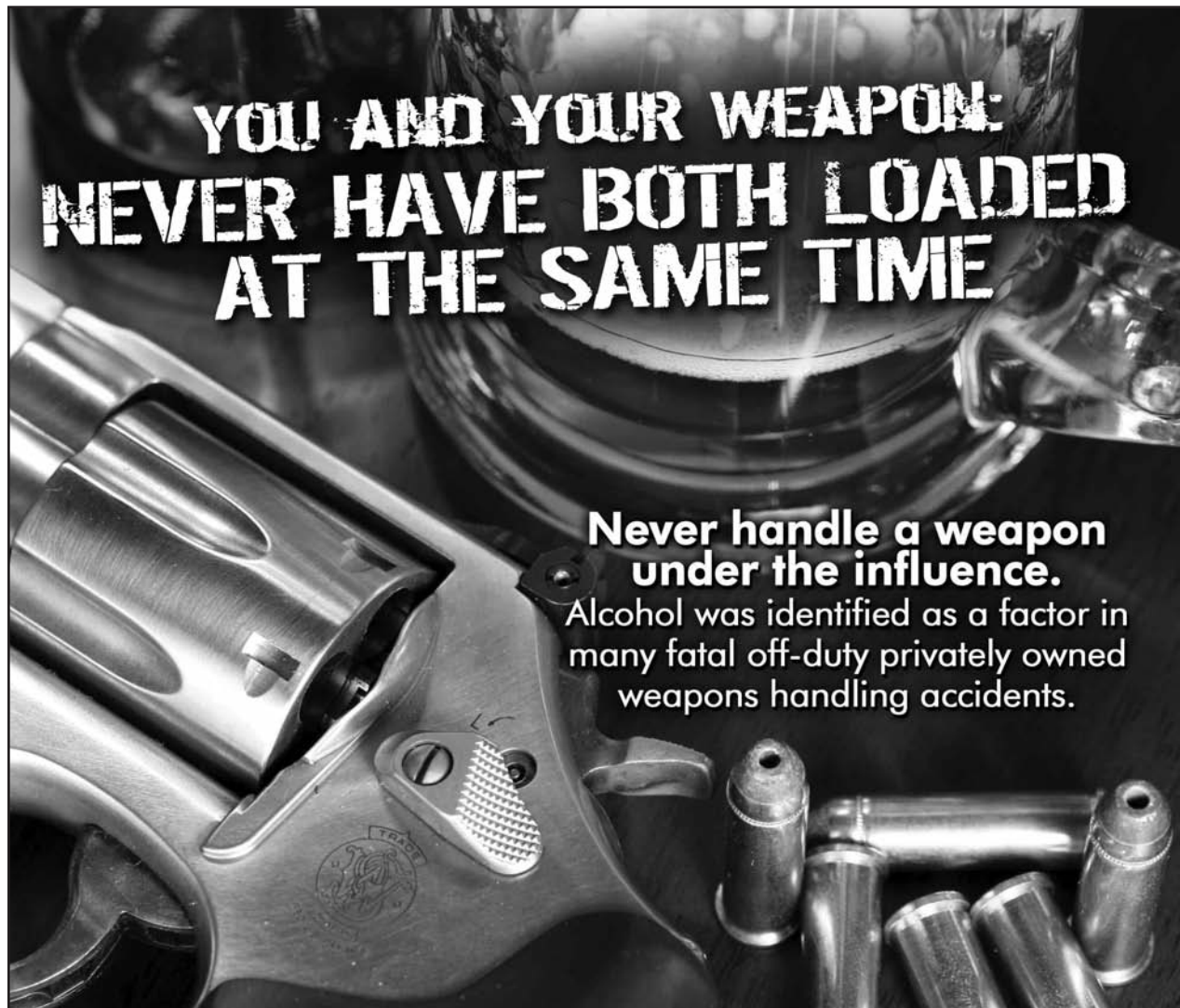
Once on expedition, Outward Bound training will bring the participants up to speed on their wilderness travel expectations (backpacking, canoeing, sailing, kayaking, mountaineering or rock-climbing). Leadership skills will be tested as participants take over responsibility for the crew and make community plans and decisions.

Outward Bound's staff, some of them veterans themselves, have extensive experience in backpacking, climbing and working with groups. Participants can rely on them for information and safety, but ultimately the success of the experience rests with the participating veterans.

As a community, the group works together to deal with decisions about land navigation, camp locations, duties, and chain of command, while helping each other overcome obstacles and meet challenges.

Some of these challenges include rock climbing, river crossings, high and low ropes initiatives and peak ascents.

For more information, call (866) 669-2362 ext. 8387 (VETS) or visit www.outwardboundwilderness.org/veterans.



FMWR calendar

THURSDAY

- ☐ Visit Century Lanes for food, fun and bowling.
- ☐ Magraders Pub and Club is open for lunch.
- ☐ Visit the Officers' Club 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for specials or the buffet.
- ☐ Eat Right Cooking School with The EDGE!, 3:30-5 p.m. For more information, call 751-3053.

FRIDAY

- ☐ Artistic Expressions with Jake, 6:30 p.m., Teen Room at the Youth Services Center.
- ☐ Dance to a variety of music provided by DJ Randall at Magraders Club, 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. Magraders Club is located in the back of Magraders Pub. Cover charge is \$5 for civilians and \$3 for military.
- ☐ Member appreciation day, tee times at 8:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., Fort Jackson Golf Club.

SATURDAY

- ☐ Step Team practice, 2 p.m., dance room at the Youth Services Center.
- ☐ Classic Soul Saturday, 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m., Excalibur Room at the NCO Club. Cover charge is \$5 for civilians and \$3 for military.
- ☐ ATV Zip Line Riding trip, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., departs at Marion Street Station.
- ☐ Hotoberfest and Fire Prevention Week open house, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Marion Street Station and Fire Department. Volksmarch begins at 10 a.m.

SUNDAY

- ☐ Family day at the Youth Services Center, 2-6 p.m.
- ☐ Traditional brunch, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Officers' Club. Coat and tie are no longer required. T-shirts, running attire and flip flops are not permitted.

MONDAY

- ☐ PBA experience, 5 p.m., Century Lanes Bowling Center, \$18 per week.
- ☐ Family fun duo league, 6 p.m., Century Lanes Bowling Center, \$19 per duo.

WEDNESDAY

- ☐ Karaoke night with Tom Marable at Magraders Club. Cover charge is \$5 for civilians and \$3 for military.
- ☐ Party night, 8 p.m., NCO Club. Cover charge is \$7 for civilians and \$5 for military.
- ☐ Let 'Er Roll with the EDGE!, 5:30-7 p.m., Century Lanes Bowling Center. Open to children 8-15.

ONGOING OFFERS

- ☐ The Officers' Club is ready to host your next special event. The club's professional staff will ensure every detail is addressed so your event will be to your specifications.
- ☐ The NCO Club breakfast is served 6-9 a.m., Monday through Friday. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$3.75 for children 4-10 years old.
- ☐ Child, Youth and School Services provides free child care and youth programming on Saturdays for active-duty parents who must work to meet mission requirements. The free child care is also available to parents who are in the National Guard or Reserve during battle training assembly. In addition, child and youth programming is available to other parents at an hourly or daily rate.

Breast cancer awareness a step toward prevention

By **KENNETH COBB**

Preventive Medicine

Moncrief Army Community Hospital

This month, which is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, is the perfect time for all of us to help our family, friends, coworkers and those within our community to become aware and proactive in the fight to prevent deaths caused by breast cancer.

Breast cancer is a malignant growth that begins in the tissues of the breast. It is the most common form of cancer found in women in the United States, and is the second leading cause of cancer deaths in women (after lung cancer). About 192,370 women in the United States will be found to have breast cancer in 2009. The American Cancer Society estimates that more than 40,000 women will die from breast cancer in 2009. Although breast cancer occurs primarily in women, men can also develop it. Right now there are approximately 2 million breast cancer survivors in the United States.

The more we know about breast cancer, the greater the odds are for preventing, detecting and treating it. Knowing the risk factors is an important aspect in breast cancer awareness.

Risk factors that increase risk of breast cancer include:

- Getting older.
- Being younger when you first had your menstrual period.
- Starting menopause at a later age.
- Being older at the birth of your first child.
- Never giving birth
- Not breastfeeding.
- Personal history of breast cancer or some non-cancerous breast diseases.
- Family history of breast cancer
- Treatment with radiation therapy to the breast/chest.
- Being overweight (increases risk for breast cancer after menopause).
- Long-term use of hormone replacement therapy (estrogen and progesterone combined).

— Having changes in the breast cancer-related genes BRCA1 or BRCA2.

- Using oral contraceptives.
- Drinking alcohol (more than one drink a day).
- Not getting regular exercise.

Early detection of the breast cancer is another important aspect in breast cancer awareness. There are several methods of screening used to detect breast cancer. Talk to your doctor about which tests are right for you, and when you should have them.

They include the following:

— Mammogram. A mammogram is an X-ray of the breast. Mammograms are the best method to detect breast cancer early when it is easier to treat and before it is big enough to feel or cause symptoms. Having regular mammograms can lower the risk of dying from breast cancer. If you are 40 or older, be sure to have a mammogram every one to two years.

— Clinical breast exam. A clinical breast exam is an examination by a doctor or nurse, who uses his or her hands to feel for lumps or other changes.

— Breast self-exam. A breast self-exam is when you check your own breasts for lumps, changes in size or shape of the breast, or any other changes in the breasts or underarm (armpit).

For more information about breast cancer, visit the national Breast Cancer Awareness Month site at www.nbcam.org and the American Cancer Society site at www.cancer.org. For information on post, call 751-5035.

MACH's Department of Radiology will provide breast cancer information to people coming in for services throughout October. The Department of Preventive Medicine is providing an information table at the main PX Oct. 20 and at the commissary Oct. 21, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Small steps can lead to good health

By **CARLLA JONES**

U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine

Many of us have health goals we are working on or would like to work on. These goals include things like losing weight, quitting smoking or getting more exercise. Too often, people give up because they think the goals are too far out of reach or because they try to change too much at one time. The key to better health habits is to set realistic goals and then take small steps to meet them.

There are many ways to take small steps toward better health. Choose one of the small steps below, or create your own. Get friends and family involved in taking small steps every day. Before you know it, you will see the positive effects of small steps.

Here are some small steps that easily can fit into an everyday routine:

SMALL STEPS: EATING

Use fat-free milk instead of whole milk, 2 percent or even 1 percent milk; drink water before a meal; Eat half your dessert; don't eat late at night or skip meals; put less on your plate than you think you can eat and then don't

take second helpings. Wait 10 minutes before going back for seconds. You might not want seconds after all.

SMALL STEPS: COOKING

Grill, steam or bake instead of frying; use applesauce instead of oil or shortening when baking; use spices instead of salt; have fruit for dessert, like baked apples, pears or a fruit salad.

SMALL STEPS: EXERCISE

Take a walk or do desk exercises instead of a cigarette or coffee break; ask a friend to exercise with you; play with your kids 30 minutes a day; get a dog and walk it or walk someone else's dog; take longer walks; walk to a co-worker's desk instead of e-mailing or calling them.

SMALL STEPS: HEALTHY HABITS

Try your burger with just lettuce, tomato and onion instead of with cheese and a roll; try brown rice or whole wheat pasta; try eating at least two vegetables with dinner; order "lean" fast food options, such as smaller burgers, grilled chicken sandwiches or salads with low-calorie dressing.

For more information, visit <http://www.smallstep.gov/>

MACH updates

MACH CLOSES ENROLLMENT

Because of a shortage of on-post primary care providers, active duty family members will no longer be able to enroll for services at MACH. Family members will have a choice of Primary Care Managers in the TRI-CARE Prime network in the civilian community.

CATARACT SCREENING

The Moncrief Army Community Hospital Ophthalmology Clinic will conduct quick cataract evaluations Oct. 23 for all beneficiary categories, including active-duty family members, retirees and retiree family members. A referral is not necessary to call for an appointment. To schedule an appointment, call 751-5406.

APPOINTMENTS ANNOUNCED ON TWITTER

MACH is announcing same-day appointments for primary care on Twitter. These are appointments that were initiated by a patient but were canceled. The open appointment will become available to the first patient to request it. Sign up at www.twitter.com/machcsd.

CANCELLATIONS

To cancel an appointment after duty hours, call 751-2904. During duty hours, from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., call 751-CARE (2273).

SFAC BUILDING OPEN

The Soldier Family Assistance Center and the Warrior Transition Unit buildings are now open. For more information on the services provided by the SFAC, call 751-1198.

ASAP CLEARING PROCEDURE

Soldiers must now clear the Army Substance Abuse Program, Social Work Services and Behavioral Health prior to leaving the installation. The Soldiers' out-processing will include a review of medical records and provide an opportunity for the Soldier to receive behavioral health care or information at his or her gaining installation. Out-processing hours are 8-11 am, Tuesdays and 1-4 pm Thursday at MACH Room 7-90. For more information, call 751-2235.

Social work chief



Photo by NICHOLE RILEY, MACH

Lt. Col. Reagan Carr joins MACH as the new chief of Social Work Services. He comes to MACH from Fort Benning, and holds a master's degree in social work.

CHAPEL

Neighborly love shown through kindness

By **CHAPLAIN (CAPT.) MONICA LAWSON**
1st Battalion, 61st Infantry Regiment

One day an expert in religious law stood up to test Jesus by asking him this question: “Teacher, what should I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus replied, “What does the law of Moses say? How do you read it?”

The man answered, “you must love the Lord, your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength and all your mind.’ And, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.” “Right!” Jesus told him. “Do this and you will live!”

The man wanted to justify his actions, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” Luke 10:25-29

Often, when asked, “Who is your neighbor?” the first thing that comes to mind is a person who lives in close proximity to us. The people we grew up around and the people in our part of the world are also considered to be

our neighbors.

But today’s question deals with the kind of neighbor who is defined as a person who shows kindness or helpfulness toward his or her fellow humans.

The entire world reaps the benefits when each of us loves our neighbor the way that God has commanded us to do. This kind of love strengthens us, empowers and enlightens us on how alike we are. Truly loving our neighbor brings out the good in us all.

When we treat others as we want to be treated that affirms them as the people God created them to be. Affirming others teaches us to affirm ourselves; it also helps us to be comfortable in our skin.

Loving our neighbor helps us to appreciate our differences, our diversity and the distinct honor that our place in this world holds.

We learn to appreciate the uniqueness of our individual


gifts while honoring what we share in common.

For you see, the good neighbor looks beyond the external attributes and discerns those inner qualities that make all people human and therefore, brothers and sisters.

In his article, “Who Is Your Neighbor?” Paul Smithson wrote the following statement: “It is not the one who just professes kindness and love who truly loves their (sic) neighbor, but the one who shows love and kindness by their actions to all men. Real love leads us to deny ourselves and to sacrifice even our own welfare for the benefit of others.”

As we share this kind of love with our neighbors, it helps us to openly receive love in return. It is the principle of sowing and reaping, of cause and effect. Some call it karma, what goes around comes around, you receive back from the world what you put out.

It is also the promise of God to us over and over again. So, again I ask you, “Who is your neighbor?”



PROTESTANT

■ Sunday
8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Daniel Circle Chapel (Gospel)
7:45 a.m. Bayonet Chapel (Hispanic)
9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Magruder Chapel
9:30 a.m. Main Post Chapel
10:45 a.m. Post-wide Sunday School (Main Post Chapel)
11 a.m. Memorial Chapel
11 a.m. Chapel Next, Bayonet Chapel
■ Wednesday
6 p.m. Prayer Service Daniel Circle Chapel
7 p.m. Gospel Mid-week Service Daniel Circle Chapel

Protestant Bible Study
■ Monday
7 p.m. Women’s Bible Study (PWOC — Main

Post Chapel, Class 209)
■ Wednesday
7 p.m. Anderson Street Chapel
7 p.m. Daniel Circle Chapel
7 p.m. Gospel Congregation’s Youth (Daniel Circle Chapel)
■ Thursday
9:30 a.m.-noon Women’s Bible Study (PWOC, Main Post Chapel)
6 p.m. Neighborhood CMF/OCF Bible Study (Call 790-4699)
7 p.m. LDS Bible Study (Anderson Chapel)
■ Saturday
8 a.m. Men’s Prayer Breakfast (Main Post Chapel, (every second Saturday of the month in Chapel Fellowship Hall)

PROTESTANT YOUTH OF THE CHAPEL
■ Saturday
11 a.m. Daniel Circle Chapel (third Saturday)
■ Sunday
5 p.m. Main Post Chapel

CATHOLIC
■ Monday-Thursday
11:30 a.m. Mass (Main Post Chapel)
■ Sunday
8 a.m. Mass (MG Robert B. Solomon Center)
11 a.m. Mass (Main Post Chapel)

9:30 a.m. CCD (Education Center)
9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School
12:30 a.m. Catholic Youth Ministry
■ Wednesday
7 p.m. Rosary
7:30 p.m. RCIA/Adult Inquiry

ANGLICAN/LITURGICAL
■ Sunday
8 a.m. Memorial Chapel

ISLAMIC
■ Sunday
8-10 a.m. Islamic Studies (Main Post Chapel)
■ Friday
12:30-1:45 p.m. Jumah Services (Main Post Chapel)

JEWISH
■ Sunday
9:30-10:30 a.m. Memorial Chapel
10:30-11:30 a.m. Jewish Book Study (Post Conference Room)

CHURCH OF CHRIST
■ Sunday
11:30 a.m. Anderson Street Chapel

LATTER DAY SAINTS
■ Sunday
9:30 a.m. Anderson Street Chapel

ADDRESSES, PHONE NUMBERS
Daniel Circle Chapel
3359 Daniel Circle, corner of Jackson Boulevard, 751-4478
Main Post Chapel
4580 Strom Thurmond Blvd., corner of Scales Avenue, 751-6469
Bayonet Chapel
9476 Kemper St., 751-4542
Family Life Chaplain
4850 Strom Thurmond Blvd. (inside of Main Post Chapel), 751-5780
Anderson Street Chapel
2335 Anderson St., corner of Jackson Boulevard, 751-7032
Education Center
4581 Scales Ave.
Magruder Chapel
4360 Magruder Ave., 751-3883
120th Rec. Bn. Chapel
1895 Washington St., 751-5086
Memorial Chapel
4470 Jackson Blvd., 751-7324
Chaplain School
10100 Lee Road, 751-8050

SCRA protects service members' rights

By **CAPT. PATRICK BARRETT**
Legal Assistance Attorney

Congress does not want Soldiers to be conflicted between meeting and protecting their financial and legal interests and serving their country to their fullest capabilities, so it enacted the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act.

The SCRA is a federal law that gives all military members important rights as they enter active duty. One of the purposes of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act is to provide for, strengthen and expedite the national defense by protecting service members through statutory law in order to allow them to focus all their time and energy on the defense needs of the nation.

The SCRA protects active duty servicemen and Reservists or members of the National Guard called to active duty (starting on the date active duty orders are received). One of the protections that the SCRA extends to military members is that it protects them from certain judicial proceedings until

they return from military service, deployment or overseas tours of duty.

Some of the judicial proceedings protections include: stay of proceedings, stay of execution, default judgment, and statute of limitations.

To receive judicial proceedings protections, the member must be prepared to show that military service has had a "material effect" on the legal matter involved.

STAY OF PROCEEDINGS

If a person is in the military or is within 90 days after he or she has been released from the military and has received notice of a civil action or proceeding, the court may postpone the action for up to 90 days.

The court can either grant this stay of proceedings on its own motion or upon application by the service member. This stay allows the service member sufficient time to arrange his or her appearance so he or she can effectively protect his or her interests in court. Beware though — this protection does not cover criminal court proceedings.

STAY OF EXECUTION

If a person is in military service or is within 90 days after he or she has been released from the military, a court may stay the execution of judgments, court actions, attachments, and garnishments.

If a member requests this stay, a court must grant it unless it finds that the member's ability to comply with the order or judgment is not materially affected by his military status.

DEFAULT JUDGMENT

A default judgment is a judgment that is granted to the plaintiff because the defendant failed to respond to a lawsuit or failed to appear at the trial.

Before a court can issue a default judgment against a service member, the plaintiff must sign and file an affidavit with the court that states that the defendant is not in military service.

If the plaintiff does not provide this affidavit, the court will assign a lawyer to protect the interests of the defendant. If a

default judgment is entered against a military member, the member can apply to reopen the judgment with the court within 90 days after leaving active duty.

The service member must show that he or she was prejudiced and that he had a valid legal defense.

STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS

A statute of limitations is a statute that sets forth the maximum amount of time after certain events that you can file a lawsuit based on those events. A period of military service cannot be included in computing the statute of limitations, either by or against the service member.

If you have been served with any legal documents or have any questions about the SCRA, visit the Fort Jackson Legal Assistance Office. A legal assistance attorney will be able to determine whether you are eligible for any of these judicial proceedings protections. To set up an appointment with an attorney, call 751-4287.

Regulation outlines Soldiers' property accountability

By **SGT. 1ST CLASS FAAPEPELE TAJALLE**
Assistant Inspector General

Staff Sgt. Lugi, a sub-hand receipt holder for Company D, 224th Maintenance Battalion, is having a hard time clearing the company because a laptop listed on his hand receipt is missing.

He knew that he should not sign for any equipment he has not seen. However, he made a mistake and signed for a laptop that he did not physically see because he took the supply sergeant's word that he would show him the laptop later.

Why is it so important for all leaders and Soldiers to know the importance of property accountability? The rationale behind this is that these people often accept the responsibility of being a hand or a sub-hand receipt holder.

Property responsibility per AR 710-2, (ch. 2, para. 2-10a) Supply Policy below the National Level, is the relationship between people and the property under their control. All property that is recorded in the property book will be assigned and acknowledged in writing.

Therefore, in Lugi's case, the laptop was assigned to him, which he acknowledged by signing a sub-hand receipt, DA Form 2062. When someone becomes a hand or a sub-hand receipt holder, accounting for assigned property is a serious matter.

AR 735-5, (ch. 2, para 2-2a), Policies and Procedures of Property Accountability, states that all property acquired by the Army must be accounted for as prescribed by this regulation.

Anyone signed for Army property must turn in all assigned property before he or she departs the unit or instal-

lation on permanent change of station orders.

If Lugi had taken the time to physically see the laptop prior to signing the sub-hand receipt, he would not have any issues clearing the company. Regulation of policies and procedures of property accountability states that the active Army should initiate and present financial liability investigations of property loss to the appointing authority or approving authority as appropriate no later than 15 calendar days after the date of discovering the discrepancy.

So, in order for Lugi to clear the supply room, after all means of finding the laptop are exhausted, a financial liability investigation of property loss will be initiated and processed. Never take shortcuts when it comes to property accountability.

For additional information on property accountability, reference AR 735-5 and AR 710-2.

FIRST RESPONDER

The following are incidents compiled from reports, complaints or information received from the Fort Jackson Provost Marshal Office.

The incidents reflected are not an adjudication attesting to the guilt or innocence of any person and are provided for informational and reflective purposes only.

Lt. Col. Ronald F. Taylor
Director,
Emergency Services/Provost Marshal
Sgt. Maj. Glen W. Wellman III
Provost Sergeant Major
Billy Forrester
Fire Chief



TIP OF THE WEEK

As part of Fort Jackson’s continuing efforts to improve access onto and off of the installation, the Directorate of Emergency Services will conduct testing of new access procedures for Gate 4 (Boyden Arbor/Percival Road), Oct. 8-9 and Oct. 15-16. On these dates, Gate 4 will be used only for one-way, inbound traffic onto the installation from 6:45-9:15 a.m. Commuters will be unable to exit Gate 4 during those times.

Based upon the results of the test, the procedure may become a permanent procedure.

CASES OF THE WEEK

❑ A civilian was arrested for drunken driving, speeding and having an open container after his vehicle was clocked speeding, Military Police said. The civilian failed two of three field sobriety tests, and refused to take a breath test, MPs said.

❑ A Soldier was arrested in the theft of a memory stick from the Main PX, MPs said. The value of the stolen item was about \$60, MPs said. The Soldier is awaiting UCMJ action.

❑ A Soldier was charged with resisting arrest, drunken and disorderly behavior and insubordinate conduct toward a noncommissioned officer after MPs broke up a verbal altercation between him and another Soldier, MPs said.



FORCE PROTECTION THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

- UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES PARKED OR OPERATED IN A SUSPICIOUS MANNER
- ABANDONED PARCELS, SUITCASES, OR BACKPACKS
- PERSONS OBSERVING, PHOTOGRAPHING, OR ASKING QUESTIONS ABOUT OPERATIONS

Army has a new deal: Poinsettia Bowl

Army Athletic Communications

SAN DIEGO — The San Diego County Credit Union Poinsettia Bowl has reached an agreement with Army that guarantees the Black Knights a berth in the postseason bowl game if Army is bowl eligible in 2013, bowl officials announced on Monday. Army will oppose the second pick from the Mountain West Conference in the contest.

“We are thrilled to announce this partnership with the San Diego County Credit Union Poinsettia Bowl,” said Army Director of Athletics Kevin Anderson. “Bruce Binkowski and his staff have done a tremendous job with this bowl game and we are excited to have the opportunity to showcase our program on the West

Coast. I feel our players and fans will relish the opportunity to visit San Diego around the holidays.

“As a national program, we have proven an ability to attract large crowds to bowl games. I anticipate stellar support for the Army team on the West Coast.”

Since their inaugural contest in 1890, the Black Knights have never played a game in San Diego, nor have they participated in a bowl game in California. In all, Army has appeared in the Golden State on 10 occasions with their most recent California showing dating back to 1983 when the city of Pasadena hosted the Army-Navy Classic.

Army, which stands 2-2 on the young season, sports one of the most storied histories in

all of college football. The Black Knights captured three consecutive national championships from 1944 through 1946, boast three Heisman Trophy winners and have sent 26 individuals to the National Football Foundation College Football Hall of Fame.

Should the Black Knights register six victories this season, they would earn a berth in the Eagle Bank Bowl against the eighth selection from the Atlantic Coast Conference. The game, which debuted last season, is scheduled to be played on Dec. 29 in Washington. Army owns direct tie-ins with the Emerald Bowl in 2011, and the Eagle Bank Bowl in 2012 as well.

Kickoff for the 2009 San Diego County Credit Union Poinsettia Bowl is scheduled for Dec. 23 at 8 p.m. at Qualcomm Stadium.

Sports shorts

❑ The fall tennis season is scheduled for Monday-23.

❑ Commander’s Cup bowling is scheduled for Nov. 2-4, 2-5 p.m at Century Lanes Bowling Center. The deadline to enter is Oct. 28. The event is for active duty personnel only. For more information, call 751-3096.

❑ A triathlon/biathlon is scheduled for Oct. 24. If interested, submit your name to the sports office by Oct. 14.

❑ For more information on sports events, call 751-3096.

Top Fuel pit stop



Courtesy photo

Soldiers from the 187th Ordnance Battalion visit the zMax Dragway in Concord, N.C., Sept. 18. The Soldiers had a chance to pose questions to Army Top Fuel mechanics and to meet with Army driver and Top Fuel champion Tony Schumacher.

Chairman of the board



Photo by SUSANNE KAPPLER

Karl Schmitt, 17, practices skateboard tricks at Wildcat Skate Park Tuesday. The park is located behind the NCO Club and is open to ID card holders and their guests daily from dusk until dawn. It offers a variety of grind rails, grind boxes and other obstacles.